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NEW CHINESE SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER
HARBIN TANK PRODUCTION AND REBUILD PLANT 674, CHINA
[REDACTED]

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: A NEW SELF-PROPELLED (SP) HOWITZER WAS IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON IMAGERY [REDACTED] AT HARBIN TANK PRODUCTION AND REBUILD PLANT 674 IN THE SHENYANG MILITARY REGION. THIS IS THE FIRST OBSERVATION IN CHINA OF AN SP GUN WITH AN ENCLOSED TURRET. 25X1
2. (S/D) REMARKS: TWO OF THESE NEW SP GUNS WERE PRESENT ON [REDACTED] HOWEVER, THE SP GUNS WERE NOT DISCERNIBLE AT THE HARBIN PLANT ON OTHER IMAGERY ACQUIRED BETWEEN [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] THIS NEW SP HOWITZER IS SIMILAR IN SIZE AND 25X1
APPEARANCE TO THE SOVIET 152MM SP HOWITZER M-1973. THE MOST 25X1
SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN DIMENSIONS OF THE TWO GUNS IS IN
THE LENGTH OF THE TURRET. THE TURRET OF THE CHINESE SP GUN
[REDACTED] AND THE LENGTH OF THE SOVIET M-1973 25X1
TURRET [REDACTED] UNLIKE THE SOVIET M-1973, THE CHINESE 25X1
SP GUN DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE A CUPOLA ON THE LEFT SIDE OF
THE TURRET, AND THE ENGINE VENTS ARE PROBABLY LARGER AND
FARTHER FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CHASSIS. A PROBABLE
DRIVER'S HATCH IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLE, FORWARD OF
THE ENGINE VENTS. DUAL EQUILLIBRATORS WERE DISCERNIBLE ON
ONE OF THE GUNS AT THE MANTLET, MOUNTED ABOVE THE GUN TUBE.

(S/D) THIS NEW SP GUN IS PROBABLY AN INDIGENOUSLY PRODUCED,
MODIFIED COPY OF THE SOVIET 152MM SP HOWITZER M-1973. IT IS
PROBABLY IN THE 152MM CALIBER RANGE DUE TO ITS SIMILARITY TO
THE SOVIET 152MM GUN. SINCE THE CHINESE ALREADY HAVE A 122MM
SP HOWITZER, A GUN IN THE 152MM RANGE WOULD BE A LOGICAL
FOLLOW-ON. THE TWO GUNS SEEN AT THE HARBIN PLANT ARE
PROBABLY PROTOTYPES UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND MAY POSSIBLY BE
SENT TO BAICHENG MUNITIONS TEST COMPLEX [REDACTED] FOR 25X1
WEAPONS TESTING. 25X1

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 45-46-43N 126-42-48E 25X1

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